

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



February 11, 2015 ~ 5:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kathy Roberts, Sarah Morlock, Justin Barwood, Matt Maher, Bill Mann, Ryan Ray
2. **Meeting called to order:** 5:21 PM
 - a. January 21st meeting minutes were approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Ryan).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Fundraising Report-**The weekend Mite jamboree raised \$450.15 during its few hours of operation, leaving the UVHA only \$2,218.86 short of the \$30,000 fundraising goal. Following a Committee meeting Tuesday evening, Sarah expressed concern that families are feeling “burned out” coming into the end of the season. Mite families have largely bore the responsibility of manning concession and volunteering to organize events. The group collectively agreed that the association needed to rally some “new troops.” This will need to be taken into consideration during Bantam Tournament planning.
 - b. **Registrar’s Report-**Kylie was not present. However, Justin shared that he was aware of a few delinquent payments. To the Board’s knowledge, Kylie has not yet been asked to submit team books to the State for review. To be proactive, Matt will be attending the State meeting on Saturday and will bring the books with him to that meeting.
 - c. **Webmaster’s Report-**Bantam tournament information has not yet been added to the website. Kelly emailed the Board to inform us that he will be adding this content before the close of the week.
 - d. **Coaching Coordinator-**Following the Vermont State meeting, Bill learned that Level Four coaching certifications will be June 20th and 21st in Concord, NH, as well as August 8th and 9th in Hartford, CT. Also in regards to coaching, it was announced that checking clinics will be available in March. Bantam and Peewee coaches will likely be interested in these. Bill will disseminate the information.
 - e. **Scheduler’s Report-**Bill brought to the group’s attention that beginning the week of February 24th, Tuesday and Thursday practices will be held twenty minutes

earlier. This will need to be posted on the website and Facebook page. An association wide email should be sent out to inform families of this change.

- i. End of Season Ice Update: Following last week's Executive Session breakout meeting, Justin mapped out the end of season available ice and the teams that may be interested in using it. Coaches will be contacted regarding this proposed schedule. Still posing a problem are the February 28th and March 1st ice times. Bill reiterated that this will be a challenge to make use of within the association as teams are gone for tournaments, etc. Other associations may be interested in purchasing this ice from the UVHA, such as Rutland and Woodstock. Justin also suggested purchasing and holding additional ice time for the Pot-of-Gold Tournament, working with their event organizers to rent the ice to them for this tourney.
 - ii. Bantam Tourney Update: Bill reported that two teams have committed to the Bantam tournament. Only one other team is needed to proceed.
- f. **Equipment Manager's Report**-Matt shared Kristen's wish to have coaches collect jerseys at their last games. She has agreed to launder and assess jerseys for damage. There was question as to the method for removing name plates if they were to be immediately returned following their wear at games. Kathy alternatively suggested having a drop-off day at the rink so that name plates can easily (and carefully) be removed prior to turning them in.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Goalie Clinics**-Alex had emailed the Board, recommending that an outside goalie coach/coordinator be hired for future seasons. Ryan and Alex have been doing a fine job filling in and directing these Friday evening practices. While the kids are having fun and getting good guidance, it was agreed it would be in the best interest of the association to be sure goalie coaching is consistent and well directed. Cap Raeder and John Turner were immediately noted as being two individuals of interest to approach.
- b. **Midget Team**-Justin said that Todd would like to attend the next Board meeting to collaborate with the Storm in the forming of a Midget program. Hanover and Lebanon are reportedly also looking to start Midget programs.
- c. **Next Meeting**-Due to low attendance and the need for an early adjournment, meeting attendees agreed to table a number of New Business items. Matt will be sure to include the following topics in March's agenda: Dry Land Summer Skills Camps, Association Roundtable, Preregistration, Association Growth Plan, Midget Team, Potential New Positions, and Tryout Process Review.

5. **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:34 PM